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The plight of captive elephants in Karnataka

Once a waterbody full of silt, weed and sewage, now brimming with water clean and free of pollution

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Byrasandra Lake revived at a cost of Rs 4.90 crore

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Here is some good news for the residents of Byrasandra and surrounding areas in CV Raman Nagar assembly constituency. The much-needed and delayed rejuvenation of Byrasandra Lake is almost complete. The waterbody is to be opened to the public in a few days after being rejuvenated at an estimated cost of Rs 4.90 crore.

While the state government's grant was Rs 4 crore under the Nava Nagarothana Yojana from the MLA's local area development fund, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) contributed Rs 90 lakh for the rejuvenation of Byrasandra Lake, also known as Kelagina Byrasandra Lake, spread over 12 acres and 21 guntas.

Once, the lake was full of silt, weeds and dirty water. Now, the waterbody is brimming with rainwater which is clean and free from all types of pollution. "I am contemplating opening the lake to the public as early as possible. Rejuvenation of the lake is complete. Around 1,000 truckloads of silt were removed from the lake. All



(Above) Rejuvenated Byrasandra Lake; (Inset) Condition of waterbody before revival

All entry points of dirty water are plugged... measures taken to divert sewage water

— S Raghu, MLA, CV Raman Nagar

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Chasing space pirates

Police crack down on illegal parking across Bengaluru



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To reduce traffic congestion in the city, Bengaluru traffic police are now identifying areas of illegal parking and cracking down on defaulters.

After receiving a series of complaints, the police department is on a drive to impose fines on people for illegal parking, Kala Krishnaswamy, DCP, east division (traffic), told BM.

"The encroachment drive is underway across the city. There are no specific areas in Bengaluru where we see maximum illegal parking. But as of now we are focusing on Outer Ring Road and nearby areas. We have directed all the traffic police stations of all divisions to take action against illegal parking. Currently we are penalising people and collecting immediate challoans," she said.

Citizen activists welcomed the move and said there is an urgent need to address illegal parking on the roads.

"Illegal parking should be dealt with seriously. Not only is public space occupied by a few individuals it also causes disruption to traffic

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3 THINGS TO DO



01 Papusza's story

Nrityakosh, an oriental and fusion belly dance school, presents 'Papusza' a dance production on the life of the greatest Polish Romani poet Papusza. The production will revolve around Papusza's life; she was a path-breaker, a female poet in a culture that deemed literacy 'unsuitable' for women. The audiences will be witnessing Muwashshahat, Classical Egyptian Oriental, El-Hagallah, Contemporary & Indian fusion formats of Belly Dance. The production will also witness pieces that have Kathak, Flamenco and Contemporary dance vocabulary.
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
When: 4th December, 7 PM
Tickets: bookmyshow.com



02 Calling music lovers

Kommune has arrived again in Namma Bengaluru! Calling out all the musicians and budding musicians of Bengaluru to spend your Saturday evening listening to some of the most exciting musicians of Bengaluru. Kommune is India's premier platform for great art and great artists, and has built communities of creators across the country. **Where:** Sarjapur SOCIAL
When: November 26, 4 - 7 PM
Tickets: insider.in

03 Being sustainable

Unicorn Pop-ups is back with an eco-conscious event where you can shop, attend workshops and community-building and have a whale of a time. Artists and performers will stay true to the theme in their live performances and from décor to execution, sustainability will be the need of the hour.
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus
When: November 26 - 27, 11 am - 7 pm
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SCHOOLS ON A ROLL

Thinking out of the box

NGO installs suggestion boxes in government schools to allow students to voice their opinions

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An NGO 'Save the Children' has installed suggestion boxes at several government schools across the city to give students a sense of ownership and motivate them to voice their opinions.

Rupali Goswami, Communications Manager at Save the Children, told Bangalore Mirror that the suggestion boxes were meant to create an opportunity for the children to speak out on their views.

"There are often issues that the students want to discuss with the school management but they are hesitant to go and talk.

But when they write and put it in the box, it keeps them anonymous as well as helps to keep documented proof of the issues... It also leads to the school management to look into these issues and make them part of their monthly meeting," she said.

While installing the suggestion boxes, the location was kept such that the children can access them without getting highlighted.



The boxes have been strategically put up at places where children can put in their suggestions discreetly without being noticed by the teachers

"Usually, such things are put up near staff rooms or the headmaster's office but that beats the main goal. We decided to install these suggestion boxes in such spots that the children can access them without coming in noticed by the teachers or the headmaster and so they do not hesitate while putting in these suggestions.

The height of these boxes was also thoughtfully considered as children from Class 5-10 all need to access the same," Rupali further explained.

In Bengaluru, 25 government schools have received these suggestion boxes so far along with several other schools across the country.

"Our main intention is to make sure the rights of the children are accessible to them.

Children need to be in a space where they can express themselves without fear

— Rupali Goswami,
Communications Manager
at Save the Children

Many times, these children are hesitant to give suggestions or point out issues to their elders. The schools are for the children and they need to be in a space where they can express themselves whether good or bad irrespective of any fear," Rupali said.

Once a month, the school management and the teachers look at the suggestions in presence of the students and make a summary of all the issues highlighted by the students.

Major issues

So far, these suggestion boxes have helped bring out several setbacks and issues with the government schools. However, the major issues that the children pointed out were related to water or sanitation facilities.

"Mainly, we have noticed that there is either insufficient running water facility or sanitation facility in most schools. Other students also shared about the lack of sanitary products at schools or toilets not being cleaned properly," added Rupali.

Students have also highlighted issues like lack of playground area, playing equipment, improper seating facilities, etc but the major problem highlighted across the schools was the lack of running water or sanitation facilities at the schools.

Government school in Kolar gets its first Pink Room

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For several years, around 60 female students of Government High School at Madanahalli Cross in Kolar taluk used to struggle in the absence of a proper toilet. Hygiene went for a toss, and during their periods, the girls were forced to be absent.

With a 'Pink Room' to be inaugurated on the school's premises on Saturday, these problems are set to end.

"The Pink Room is scheduled for inauguration on Saturday. The Pink Room is constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 2.5 lakh. There are plans to have similar facilities at three more government high schools. We are ready to construct Pink Rooms in Bengaluru if sponsors come forward," said Antony Sa-jeeth, co-founder of Heart of Giving Foundation, an NGO invested in helping children of rural areas realise their potential through education and sports, providing infrastruc-

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tural support and financial aid to government schools. A Pink Room is a hygienic room for girls on their periods. It typically has a bed, attached bathroom, changing room, sanitary napkin vending machine and an incinerator for safe disposal of used pads. Such rooms are a safe and clean place to rest rather than staying home at the cost of missing education

and a social life. It helps both girls and their parents feel secure about going to school, reducing shame and stigma often attached to menstruation and ensuring continuity of their education.

"The girls used to be absent during periods. There was no proper facility to cater to their needs. Now that will change," said Government High School's Vice Principal Vijayanand BG. Navyashree MN, a SSLC student, told Bangalore Mirror over the phone that she has been studying at this school for three years. "We were compelled to use the open space near the school to attend nature's call. Now, I am very happy to have a Pink Room," said Navyashree.

Welcoming the Heart of Giving Foundation for constructing the Pink Room at the Government High School, Madanahalli Cross, Vinod Kartavya, a social and environmental activist from Bengaluru, said many BBMP and government high schools in the city need such facilities for the welfare of female students.



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Spelling a break from covid woes, the automobile sector, like all other sectors of the economy, is on the road to recovery. As trade, commerce and general market activity picks up the auto sector, too, is on a high.

MARKET WATCH

According to market experts, the pandemic period was debilitating, and hit the retail automobile sales hard. But in the last few months, the sales have not only recovered but also got a great boost, since the

festive period. "Vehicle registrations in the country have increased substantially from a year earlier," says Shobhit Mehta, a sector analyst.

GOOD TIMES

Given India's collective proclivity towards propitious timings and auspicious occasions, the festive season provided a much-needed fillip to the auto sector. "The recovery momentum broke in September because some communities consider the first few days of this month inauspicious," says Mehta. During this period, retailers focused on following up cus-

CVS, PVS TO DRIVE GROWTH

Commercial (CV) and passenger (PV) vehicles will continue to drive recovery in India's automotive sector volume this fiscal. CV and PV volume could grow 18% and 12%, respectively, this fiscal after rising 26% and 13%, respectively, last fiscal. Two-wheelers will see a modest sales growth of 6% after a 10% cut last fiscal.

Says Pushan Sharma, director, CRISIL Research, "CV demand growth, particularly for medium and heavy commercial vehicles (MHCVs), is expected to be backed by replacement demand because of improved utilisation and profitability of fleet operators, and government spending on infrastructure. Light CVs will be propelled by a surge in e-commerce and better last-mile connectivity, while demand for buses will be driven by the gradual reopening of schools and offices and easing of mobility restrictions."

tomers leads and getting orders for October and November.

Expecting a surge in the coming days, automobile manufacturers have planned record production, as they expect substantial demand and delivery commitments.

"Many people are showing interest in exploring vehicle options of their choice already," says Harsh Kumar, a car dealer.

For that extra comfort

AUTOMOBILE INNOVATORS HAVE COME UP WITH INGENUOUS ACCESSORIES AND GADGETS THAT MAKE YOUR DRIVING COMFORTABLE AND SAFE

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Driving has become an integral part of our lives. Many of us drive to work, to shop, to meet people, and to visit places. Therefore, it is always a good idea to make this activity more convenient. We take a look at accessories, old and new that can make your driving comfortable and safe.

EYES ON THE ROAD

Eyes should ideally always be on the road while driving. However, one has to keep an eye on things like speed, fuel, and lights, too. You always have to be mindful of your vehicle's speed. Cars have different instrument cluster placements. Yet they still take your eyes off the road for a moment or two. And that may be enough to increase the risk of an accident. To make things better, companies have developed heads-up displays. These come with either raised glass screens or small projectors that show the numbers on the automobile's windscreen that is easy to see. Install one of these on top of the dashboard, and you will be set.

CARRYING CONVENIENCE

You would have recently seen cars carrying containers on their roofs. These are cargo container boxes or roof boxes. Hardshell boxes have seen wide use comparatively recently in India. They have a host of advantages over earlier carrying methods. These are hardshell containers that can haul a considerable amount of luggage. The shell protects the baggage from the elements and also physical damage. Moreover, not only do they help carry your things securely, but they also have an aerodynamic shape that fits well with the modern car design.

NEVER GET LOST

The GPS/cell phone mount has seen considerable use in India already. Yet not everywhere. Common in taxi cars and on adventure motorcycles, these have not been seeing as extensive a use in personal four-



wheelers. The mounts are another innovation that make driving much more convenient and map reading safer. After mounting these, the GPS or cell phone will be above the dashboard, raised at a height that will be convenient for the driver. Some mounts can charge cell phones too. A few high-end cars have GPS systems pre-installed. However, their position may vary and may not be as accessible.

WHEEL SAFETY

Tyre safety is essential no matter what car you drive. Many modern vehicles have inbuilt tyre monitoring devices installed in them. However, many may not. Automobile innovators have therefore come up with ingenious devices for just this reason. Modern tyre safety gadgets use Bluetooth valve caps and can help you observe the tyre health using apps on your cell phone. The various after-market devices are a game-changer and can ease your worries about tyre maintenance. Therefore, the ability to monitor the integrity of the wheels is just not for the most premium of cars anymore. You can now install these devices for your peace of mind.

Practical accessorisation is imperative for your peace of mind when you are driving. Luckily, there are many options available for making the experience infinitely better.

PERSONAL MOBILITY A 'NEW NORMAL'

Market experts say that in the last few years, personal mobility has taken preference over shared mobility. "The pandemic has brought about marked changes in consumer habits and behaviours," pointed out Syed Sufyan, a market expert. A byproduct of the 'new normal', it has effectively translated into a higher preference for affordable personal mobility, which has boosted sales for auto manufacturers, especially in the entry-level vehicles category.

FOCUS ON INNOVATIVE FEATURES

The COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated better health, hygiene and sanitation features in the vehicles, and consumers are increasingly seeking the same. "Certain features like in-built sanitisation, enhanced air-purification systems and anti-bacterial surfaces have seen a spike in demand," says Navjot Mudra, an auto retailer. Some consumers are even willing to pay extra for such features. Companies that have incorporated such innovation while staying cost-effective are enjoying wider patronage.





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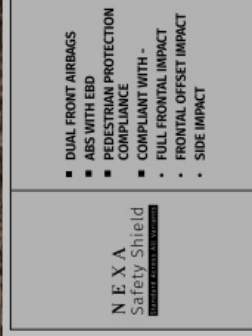
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Got waste management ideas? Get set go for it

BBMP to invite solid waste management ideas from citizens to implement in B'luru

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As part of Swachh Survekshan 2023, BBMP is planning to conduct a competition inviting proposals for Solid Waste Management (SWM) ideas to implement in city. The Palike will also select a few projects for implementation in BBMP limits. In a bid to meet the annual requirements of the Swachh Survekshan, BBMP's SWM department has announced the opening of a competition under the theme of 'Waste is Wealth'. The Palike is inviting solutions/ proposals under three categories—Swachh technology challenge, Innovations and Best Practices, and IEC.

BBMP Special Commissioner (SWM) Dr Harish Kumar told BM, "The competition is part of Swachh Survekshan and there are various indicators under it. The competition is being held under the category of citizen's voice. It's for citizens to project themselves as Swachh champions."

The Palike is inviting proposals from citizens, NGOs, college students, and others interested in SWM management. The last date to apply for the competition is November 28. The results are likely to be announced on the Swachh Bharat Mission portal by December 15. Three proposals will be selected from each category and a cash prize will be given to selected groups or individuals.

The first category under the com-



Theme for this year's competition is 'Waste is Wealth'

“The competition is part of Swachh Survekshan. There are various indicators; the competition is being held under the category of citizen's voice

—Harish Kumar, BBMP

petition is the Swachh Technology challenge and the proposals spanning social inclusion, zero landfill dump, plastic management and transparency (ICT-based solid waste management). Under the second category, innovations and best practice, proposals can be sent on liquid waste management, behavioural change, sustainable sanitation, reuse of stormwater management, desludging or sewer cleaning operations. Under the third category, IEC, interested applicants can send jingles,

movies, posters, murals, drawings, street plays, etc.

BBMP has formed an evaluation committee consisting of a retired senior EO officer from KSPCB, chairman of, the principal EO KSPCB (plastic waste management expert), liquid waste management expert from Bangalore University, chairman of local area committee, SWM and liquid waste management experts and chaired by Joint Commissioner of SWM.

The proposals will be sent to state

level nodal agency and will be sent to the central-level nodal agency and the declare the best proposals. As per the advice of the committee, the proposals will be given incubation or financial support with the help of investors and CSR funds.

The solutions shared by citizens will be implemented on the ground but with the help of investors or CSR funds. Mentorship for such projects will also be provided by the committee.

Last year, three proposals were selected from the competition and implemented in BBMP limits.

In Swachh Survekshan 2022, Bengaluru secured the 43rd rank among 45 cities and slipped by 15 places.

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Footpath taken Koramangala



In Koramangala 6th block, 20th main, on the same road as the Koramangala Police Station, the footpath is entirely encroached.

Complete mess Wheeler Road



The area below Wheeler Road flyover is full of waste materials, old cars, and vegetable vendors.

BTP's illegal parking drive

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and huge inconvenience to pedestrians trying to find their way. The paid central parking system has been a big success in the central business district area and must be implemented in the entire city," said citizen activist Srinivas Alavilli.

Some citizens BM spoke to were of the view that people should shift to using public transport to avoid parking troubles.

"The main problem is that we are not using public transport. There is an increase in the number of vehicles in the city which is adding to the problem. We have to be rational; if we don't have parking spaces then why buy more vehicles. Nowadays every house has three-four vehi-

cles and they park it on the road," said bicycle mayor Sathya Sankaran.

On the other hand, some commuters in the city felt the move was unfair to a lot of people. Residents claimed that the civic authorities have not provided any designated spot for parking in many areas. So penalising and detaining people for the same are unfair, according to them.

In a recent report by BM, it was revealed that there were 10,06,606 illegal parking cases recorded in Bengaluru as of October by the city traffic police.

When asked about bringing back towing of illegally parked vehicles, Krishnaswamy said it is still being discussed and nothing has been decided yet.

Byrasandra's rebirth

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entry points of dirty water are plugged. Measures were taken to divert sewage," said CV Raman Nagar MLA S Raghu.

The MLA's local area development fund was used to provide chain link fence at the lake boundary, to construct sewage diversion drain, to remove the sludge from the lakebed to enhance impounding capacity, to strengthen main bund including revetment and turfing, to form ring bund using available de-silted earth, to improve inlets and outlets, and construction of wetland bund and box culvert.

"We have taken measures to ensure greenery by planting hundreds of saplings along the pathway and on the vacant space available. As of now landscaping is in progress. We are planning to install play equipment for the benefit of children who visit the lake along with their parents," Raghu told BM.

The fund (Rs 98 lakh) allocated by the BBMP has been spent to provide the chain link fence to the waterbody, improvement of pathway by laying kerb and cobble stones, construction of toilets and security room.

"Marble stone benches are installed for the benefit of senior citizens who visit the lake for walks in the morning and evening. I expect around 500 people in the morning and 500 people in the evening to visit this lake," the MLA said.

Residents of GM Palya, Cauvery Layout and other areas nearby are waiting for the opening of the lake to the public. They said the lake was once clean and a destination for birds but later it was neglected by the authorities concerned.

"I am very happy to know Byrasandra Lake is going to be inaugurated soon. Our MLA Raghu has done an excellent job. Rejuvenation of the lake will be a great help for the residents of surrounding areas," said N Jagannath, a resident of

Cauvery Layout.

The MLA said strict instructions were given to the software companies that are operating around the lake not to let sewage or wastewater into the waterbody. "I will direct the BBMP engineer (lakes department) to release fish and turtles into the lake. There is a demand from software companies to have one more entrance to the lake to facilitate their employees to relax at the lake for a while during the lunch hour. We may consider their request," the MLA said.

Rajavardhan, a resident of Cauvery Layout, welcomed the rejuvenation of the lake -- he recalled how dirty the lake was two years ago. "It was very difficult to walk on the narrow pathway two years ago. Water was dirty and polluted. Now, it is pleasant to see clean water in the lake and pathways developed for the benefit of hundreds of residents. I want to thank our MLA for not only protecting the waterbody from encroachments but also rejuvenating it," said Rajavardhan.

When traffic cops got a taste of Palike's apathy

KR Puram traffic police take to social media to criticise BBMP's failure to respond to calls



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While the condition of Bengaluru roads is an everyday topic, the city traffic police taking to social media to blame a civic agency is not something one hears of too often. On Thursday, the KR Puram traffic police took to Twitter to share an image of an open pit in the police station limits. They captioned it by saying that nobody from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) was responding to their calls.

"Nobody from BBMP respond-

ing to our call. Pls send someone to close this pit sir," tweeted the police.

The now-viral tweet gained a lot of attention by the local residents.

"We called the BBMP officials on Wednesday at night but there was no response. In the morning the traffic police saw a big open pit that could have led to an accident. But when the BBMP people didn't respond, we posted it on Twitter," said an inspector of KR Puram Police Station.

Later in the day, the traffic police along with BBMP workers finally closed the pit.

"We have filled the pit with mud so it's closed for now. But it needs proper fixing by concrete," said the police.

No entry for HTVs

Bengaluru Traffic Police has started stopping Heavy Transport Vehicles (HTV) from entering the main city. On Thursday, Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic west division, shared on Twitter that the city police are prohibiting and stopping HTV at several places in the city. "Today HTVs were stopped at Kanakapura Road, Nice Road, Magadi Main Road and Tumakuru Road during peak hours. This is to ensure safe and smooth traffic management. The traffic police are making sure that HTVs don't disturb the traffic movement," said Kuldeep. HTVs are not allowed in the city during peak hours of 7am to 11am.

Cattle menace on roads

Bengaluru Traffic Police have started rescuing cattle from the road following several complaints of traffic chaos created by the animals.

Commuters in the city say that the cattle make the road more accident prone. "Every day while travelling I witness cattle walking or sleeping in the middle of the road. Also, this is the fault of the cattle owners who let their cattle roam in the open," said Shatrunjay Sharan, a Bangalorean.

An auto driver who recently got into an accident due to cattle, said that he was driving near the

Ejipura Signal. There was a bike and a cow in front of him. The biker stopped his vehicle suddenly when the cow walked past him. "But I wasn't able to brake in time and my auto collided with the bike," said Devashish.

KR Puram traffic police on Wednesday rescued stray animals from the street which were disrupting traffic. The rescued animals were then handed to BBMP Animal Husbandry Department. "There have been several complaints. We are trying to rescue as many animals as we can. The Animal Husbandry Department is also helping us," said an official at the police station.

Money misuse allegations grip KSHC

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A few members of the Karnataka State Haj Committee (KSHC) have complained to the State Government against KSHC chairman Raufuddin Kacheriwalay and Executive Officer Sarfaraz Khan for fund irregularities.

Based on the complaint, Minority Welfare Department Commissioner Captain Manivannan P has issued a notice to the KSHC Executive Officer Sarfaraz Khan to reply to the allegations within 10 days.

According to the allegations, the KSHC chairman has drawn Rs 3,69,690 for travelling allowance and house rent allowance by producing fake documents.

The second allegation said that he spent Rs 5,95,000 on media interviews and advertisements without taking permission from the finance committee.

The third allegation said that he has been misusing the KSHC vehicle for his family-related purposes in Bidar and has also been using another vehicle (Bolero).

The fourth allegation said that he paid Rs 1,54,000 to a person when the KSHC Chairman's vehicle (Innova Crystal) met with a road accident near Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh

I engaged a mechanic instead of waiting for the insurance company staff as it was very urgent

— KSHC Chairman Raufuddin

Kacheriwalay

instead of claiming the amount from the insurance company.

The Secretary of Minorities Welfare Department served a notice to the KSHC Executive Officer for sending a personal tour programme of the KSHC Chairman as the official tour programme.

"Khusro Quaraishi, one of the KSHC members who wrote the letter to the Minorities Welfare Department Commissioner, said there has to be accountability for funds being spent.

A member of KSHC Finance Committee, pleading anonymity, said, "We have been alerting the authorities for the last one year but in vain. So, we decided to write a letter," he said.

KSHC Executive Officer Sarfaraz Khan said that a few disgruntled members were busy in complaining about 'silly issues'. "The tour programme was sent to other officers to ensure a protocol during the KSHC Chairman's visit to other states. I sent the reply to the notice given to me," said Khan.

KSHC Chairman Raufuddin Kacheriwalay said that the KSHC vehicle met with a road accident in Andhra Pradesh while coming to Bengaluru. "There was a provision to pay money for repairing the vehicle. I engaged a mechanic instead of waiting for the insurance company staff as it was very urgent."

Trouble brews for fake customs officers

Three people have been nabbed for claiming to be customs officers and cheating people by collecting money on the pretext of giving them a job.

The main accused, Mohan, took a sum of Rs 96,750 from a woman and promised to give her a job at the airport, and then absconded. Devanahalli Police Station has registered a case against him under Section 419 and 420 of IPC.

Led by Anup Shetty, Deputy Commissioner of Police, North East Division, the police found Rs 34,50,000 in cash and 106.965 kg in gold ornaments at the accused's home.

AC, water pump thief caught

The Wilson Garden police has ar-

rested a man for stealing air-conditioners and water pumps. One water pump worth Rs 1,60,000 along with 5 AC units have been seized from him.

The man was arrested by R Srinivas Gowda, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Central Division.

"The accused has been identified as Syed Suhail," said Gowda. Along with Gowda, Sub-Divisional Assistant Commissioner of Police B Narayanaswamy and Police Inspector A Raju of Wilson Garden Police Station arrested the accused.

Couple ends lives

Police have found the bodies of a young man and woman near the Gollahalli railway station. The deceased has been identified as Nagendra, aged around 21. The police have not been able to identify the

woman yet.

"The couple ended their lives by getting hit by a moving train," said the police.

A case has been registered by Yeswanthpur railway station police.

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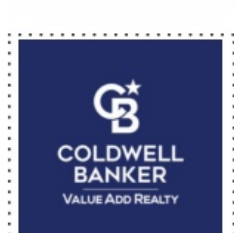
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Tuskers in trouble?

Experts say captive elephants at state camps are not managed properly; 40-year-old jumbo's death back up their concerns

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The death of Gopalaswami, a 40-year-old camp elephant, in Nagarhole on Wednesday has once again raised questions about the management of captive elephants at various camps across the state.

According to wildlife researchers, the death of camp elephants in the recent past could have been avoided. They say while elephant camp management is not an easy task, involving wildlife researchers in management activities and incorporating their suggestions on their behaviour might hold the key to preventing such instances in future.

"Every elephant's behavior should be studied at these camps and handled accordingly. For instance, Gopalaswami was an elephant of mild demeanour and should not have been allowed to venture inside the forest without other elephants accompanying him. While the department was open to suggestions from researchers earlier, it has stopped doing so of late," said Ramesh Belagere, wildlife researcher, Foundation for Ecology and Education Development.

The death of Rajesh, another camp elephant, back in 2018 in Dandeli forests has then brought up the issue of the lack of internal resources in the department. The 57-year-old camp elephant, like Gopalaswami, was also killed by wild tuskers at Kali Tiger reserve. "Rajesh could not fight as he was tied and hindered by his chains. If he was in musth, instead of allowing him in the forest, the handlers should have chained him and kept him inside for some time. Even the case of Ranga, the camp elephant at Bannerghatta, should have been brought under the scanner. Ranga was captured at an older age and kept in the camp before he was killed in a road accident. We cannot keep losing elephants like this," said Belagere.

Experts say the department is in the process of catching another elephant named Byra who has been in multiple conflict situations so far. The department has been relocating jumbos that are involved in conflict situations to various camps. A couple of years back, the department caught hold of 17 elephants from a herd in Alur, Hassan. The jumbos were then separated based on a process proposed by the department. However,



Experts say there is a lack of internal resources in the forest department

Gopalaswami was an elephant of mild demeanour and should not have been allowed to venture inside the forest without other elephants accompanying him

—Ramesh Belagere, wildlife researcher

researchers have a different take on the issue. "The elephants were separated based on the age group and calves were kept with their mothers. However, instead of separating the individuals of a herd, the researchers have a different opinion on how to deal with such situations. The forest department officials have been secretive about the issue of captive elephants and have not been entertaining science-based proposals in managing wildlife," said another elephant expert.

Wildlife researchers also opine that while it is important to leave elephants for free-ranging, the department must have a guideline in place to ensure that conditions are conducive. Moreover, it should bring in a consulting body of researchers and wildlife organisations that have been working with elephants for years. "The camp elephants should be allowed for free-ranging every day, or else their psychology gets affected. However, the department lacks an internal facility

with wildlife researchers who can guide the young range forest officers in managing the camps. Currently, while this facility is missing, the RFOs appointed mostly do not have any experience in handling a crisis involving wildlife. In-house veterinarians are not missing. While there is plenty of expertise available, the department is not interested in availing their free-of-cost service," said Daniel Sukumar Das, wildlife researcher and director, Wildlife Conservation Foundation.

Researchers say while there have been multiple research-based proposals in the past over the management of elephant camps, none of the suggestions have been implemented by the department so far.

Between 2015 and 2017, CUPA conducted extensive research on elephant camps across the state and submitted a report with suggestions based on scientific research. An extensive management plan was handed over to the forest department. It was never implemented.

The Government of Karnataka has an eight-member Elephant Task Force to mitigate escalating man-animal conflict in Mysuru, Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Shivamogga, and Uttara Kannada districts, but the constitution of the team has raised many eyebrows.

"Four of these members are from territorial and social forestry. They lack wildlife management experience, a necessity to handle man-animal conflicts. Two of these members are on the threshold of retirement," said a wildlife activist.

Focus on real life, not 'reel' life

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The state's School Education Department plans to introduce 'mobile free days' in schools. School Education Minister BC Nagesh said, "We have successfully launched bag free days in schools where the students need not bring bags and enjoy schooling. Following this, we are now planning to introduce mobile free days where students have to stay away from their gadgets for a day."

Officials said that during earlier days,

students would spend more time in playgrounds than classrooms.

However, now the challenge has reversed. Nagesh said, "Our latest challenge is to bring students back to playgrounds as they are addicted to playing mobile games and have forgotten how to play real-life games."

Child rights experts had earlier asked parents to keep an eye on their children, asking them to stay away from social media as they had been receiving complaints related to 'reel addiction'.

A village in Athani taluk bordering Maharashtra had banned the usage of

gadgets for kids between 7pm to 9pm every day to promote bonding.

Experts say that kids were not supposed to be encouraged to use gadgets, but ironically, schools had to ask them to do so as online classes became the norm during covid.

An official said, "A decade ago, Karnataka was one of the first states in the country to ban mobile phones in school campuses. In fact, there was a strict warning even to teachers not to use mobile phones on campus. However, banning mobile phones is quite difficult as there is no mechanism to stop them."



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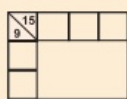
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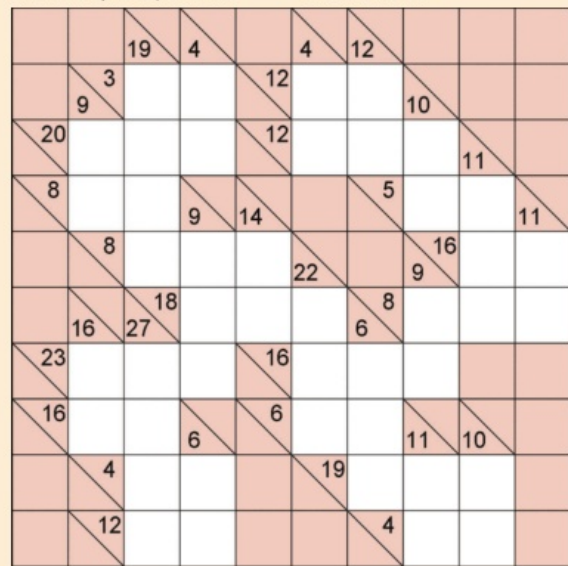
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

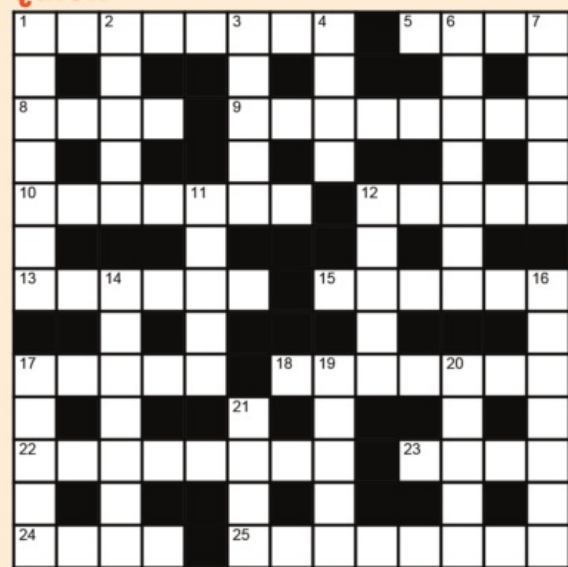


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Geometric figure (8)
- 5 Made haste (4)
- 8 Strong cord (4)
- 9 Rejection, nonacceptance (4-4)
- 10 Thesaurus entry (7)
- 12 Edible root (5)
- 13 Ski race (6)
- 15 This lake can be found along the junction of Bellary Road and the Outer Ring Road (6)
- 17 Ward off (5)
- 18 Disregards (7)
- 22 Thoroughly wet (8)
- 23 Pull without lifting (4)
- 24 Woman (4)
- 25 Movie monster? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Dangers (7)
- 2 Computing supply (5)
- 3 Managed but not very successfully? (3,2)
- 4 Gain by labour (4)
- 6 Adage (7)
- 7 Move to music (5)
- 11 Nary a soul (2,3)
- 12 Beer glass (5)
- 14 Modified (7)
- 16 Flat pasta sheets (7)
- 17 Rope fibre (5)
- 19 Wanting too much (5)
- 20 Not urban (5)
- 21 Called (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS D
TEHF XGZJHEG MF'H
JEFKQJFMZ IKGHU'F QGJU MF
BKDLH.



Linemaro

Let's flip a coin, heads you're mine, tails I'm yours



Mindchow

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are



Joke of the day

He who smiles in a crisis has found someone to blame

Loop

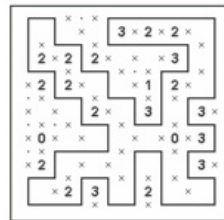
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

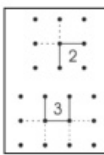
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

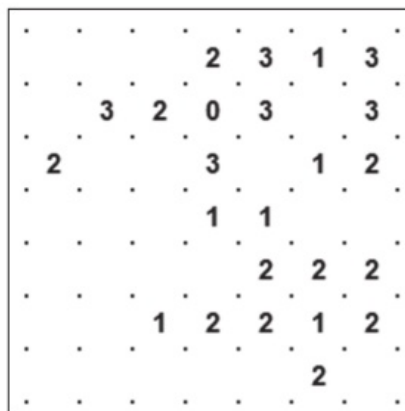
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



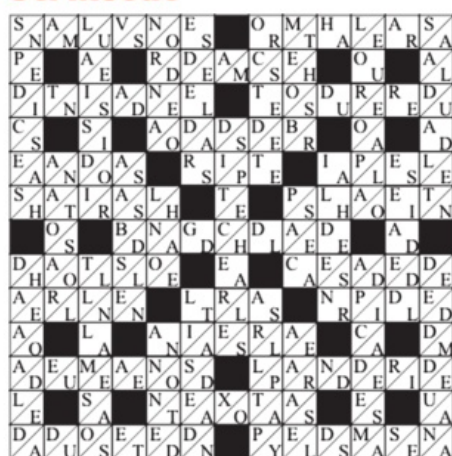
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



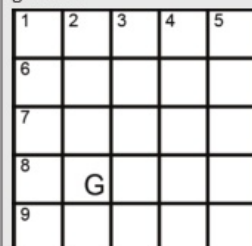
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

- 1 A doll; 6 V Lara;
- 7 O ring; 8 Genoa;
- 9 Slope

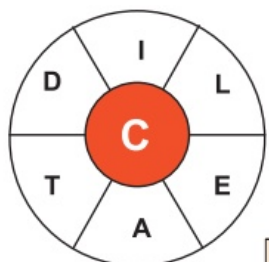
DOWN

- 1 A gall; 2 Goral;
- 3 Do Pro; 4 Envoy;
- 5 Leans

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

7	6	5	7	6	3
4	9	2	8	1	9
1	3	7	3	2	7
3	8	4	9	9	5
5	4	2	3	2	?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

13 Average; 15 Good; 7 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

□ □ □ □ □ = 28

3 4 6 6

Medium

□ □ □ □ □ = 16

2 3 7 7

Hard

□ □ □ □ □ = 58

3 4 6 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Foot is smaller. 2. Picture is wider. 3. Arm is longer. 4. Collar is different. 5. Newspaper has an extra page. 6. Curtain is wider.

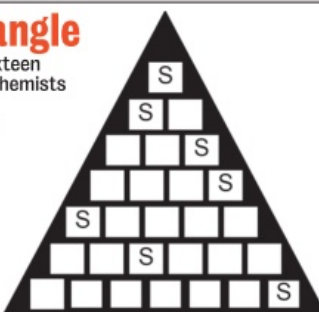
Riddler

Using matches, how can you remove seven-tenths of five and leave exactly four remaining?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Atomic number Sixteen
- 2 Selenium for the chemists
- 3 Legal matter
- 4 Winged Greek god
- 5 Outlet
- 6 Scorecard lineup
- 7 Great shakes

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you may be a victim of sleeplessness, which can make you lazy. You may also become careless and it may affect your inner strength. You are likely to be nervous at work, which could impact running projects. You are advised to avoid investments in dead assets. You are also advised to avoid spicy food as it could stress your digestive system. Do not rash drive.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you may feel unhappy. You may be a victim of arrogance, which may affect your personal and professional life. You are likely to be under pressure. Some detachment from your responsibilities may be noticed in your nature. You are likely to be impatient at work. You are advised to take care of your parents. Postpone some important decisions related to work.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today you may face health issues. Last nights' sleeplessness can make you mentally tired. You may not be focused on your day-to-day work. You may feel laziness, which may affect your commitments. It is advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You are also advised to avoid spending money on worthless items.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today you are blessed by the moon. You have some sort of internal strength, which may help you to take some difficult decisions at work. Disputes with your partner are likely to be resolved. Singles may find a good match with the help of relatives or friends. You may also have some investments in your business from outside sources.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you may be happy. Property-related issues with siblings might settle down. You are likely to meet an influential person who will help you to boost your work. Your professional contacts may help you to improve your business. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets as they might be dead. Work-related short travel may be expected.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today you may be busy with social get-togethers. You may also meet some old friends. Your network might be strong, which may give you benefits in the near future on the work front. Those related to export and import, glamour, artefacts may perform well. Students are likely to perform better today in terms of their academics. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today you are blessed by the moon. Your inner strength will make you confident, which will reflect into your way of working. You are likely to hear good news in terms of legal matters. Money which was stuck somewhere may be recovered today, which will boost your savings. Your kids' health may be good now. In your domestic life, try to avoid unnecessary arguments.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today you may be busy with family and friends. You will plan to go for outings or adventure tours with family or friends. Your kids' health might make you upset. You are blessed by the moon. It may help you find your way out to get success. Your savings may be increased, which may improve your financial health.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you may have good support from your family members. You may also see some expansion in your family business during these days, which will increase the social status of your family. You may also plan to expand your family, which may improve bonds between family members. Students may apply for some scholarships for higher studies.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, with the help of blessings, you may expect to get some gains in your past investments. You may plan to renovate your house or office. You may invest in some intellectual assets like buying some books or updating your knowledge. You may also plan for higher studies. Singles may find their soulmate in the same field. Those related to research, education, and agricultural work may perform well.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you may be full of vitality and inner strength. You are likely to make good plans for the growth of your family business. You may get help from elders to implement new plans efficiently with the help of your team. Your wisdom may help you to take some good decisions, which may increase your social status.

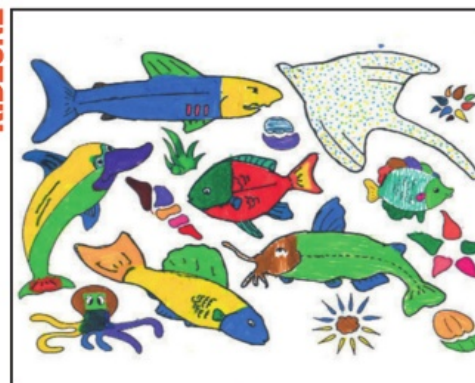


Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today you may be more spiritual. Your destiny may be with you. You may expect good gains in your past investments. Bonding with your boss is likely to be improved. This may give you benefits in terms of promotions. You may also hear some good news from your siblings. You are advised to control your harsh speaking in your personal life.



KIDZONE



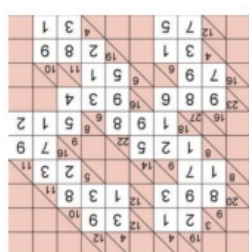
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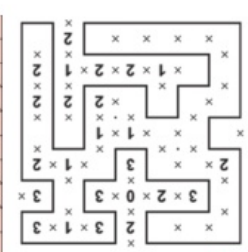
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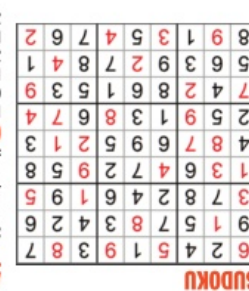


KAKURO



LOOP

3 x 3 x 6 + 4 = 58
Hard
3 x 7 - 7 + 2 = 16
Medium
6 x 3 + 6 + 4 = 28
Easy
GO FIGURE
Tremors.
Roster.
S. Se, Res.
Fros, Store.



SUDOKU

6: the total of the numbers in each column alternates 20.
30, 20, 30, 20, 30.
BULL'S EYE
acid, acted, cadet, claid, clear, decal, dialect, dice, edit, lead, lace, laced, lice, tale.



MENSA PUZZLE



QUICK



STRIKE OUT

Use ten matches to spell out the word FIVE. Remove the 7 up the F and E to leave IV, or 4 in Roman numerals.
Just because it's automatic doesn't mean it works.
SOLVE IN 1M
8-(-8+2+5)
8-(-1)
8-1
8=

QUOTE UNQUOTE

FAST FIVE
ALDO
LARA
GROIN
AGONE
LOPES

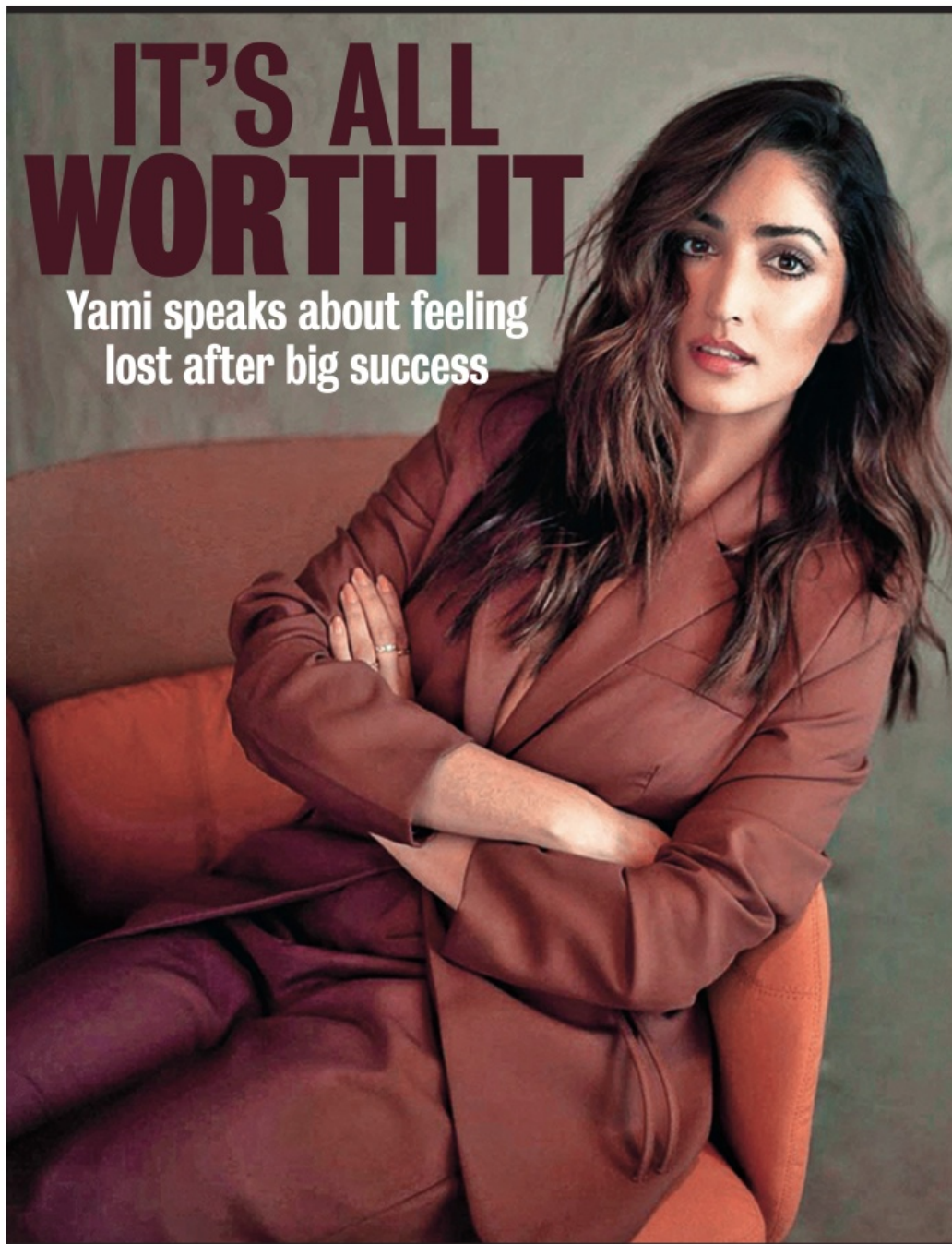
FAST FIVE



SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

IT'S ALL WORTH IT

Yami speaks about feeling lost after big success



Life is not a bed of roses, neither it's full of thorns -- this pretty much sums up Bollywood diva Yami Gautam's acting journey for the past 10 years.

Yami began her career in acting with a lead role in daily soap Chand Ke Paar Chalo and further did more shows like Raajkumar Aaryyan and Yeh Pyaar Na Hoga Kam. It was 2012 when she actually started her Bollywood journey with the hit film 'Vicky Donor', which also marked the debut of Ayushmann Khurrana, and since then she has been putting her best foot forward.

Films like Badlapur, Kaabil, Uri: The Surgical Strike, Bala and Thursday worked in her favour while films like Total Siyaapa, Sanam Re, Jooniyat, Batti Gul Meter Chalu and Ginny Weds Sunny failed to impress the audience.

Looking back at her journey so far, Yami, with a big smile on her face, told ANI, "My journey is still on...I have faced loads of ups and downs but it's all worth it in the end."

She also recalled the time when she felt lost right after the success of her debut film.

"Right after my first film, in fact right after the success of the film I did feel lost...I did not know which way to take...I was not able to connect to the opportunities I was receiving at that time... 'Do I stay without work or do I take these opportunities and still try,' all these thoughts used to linger in my mind...it took me a while to understand my own self and how to channelise my voice," Yami said.

"I had to rediscover myself to understand what's my purpose of coming all the way here and leaving my hometown," she added.

Speaking about Yami's upcoming projects, she will be seen in a thriller titled 'Lost', which was screened at the 53rd International Film Festival of India.

—ANI

A different mafia

Priyamani is among the select few actresses who have stuck to acting after marriage. Her latest movie Dr. 56 is being made in four languages -- Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu. Priyamani plays a CBI officer in the film. "I told the producer and director this movie would become a huge success at the box-office if it is made as per script. The movie aims to convey a message to society about the medical mafia," said Priyamani. Praveen Reddy has written the script and screenplay and also bankrolled this movie apart from playing a key role. "We approached Priyamani because she alone can take this movie to audiences of four languages," said Reddy. Describing Priyamani as a gold kalash, director Rajesh Ananthleela said she has done a great job in this movie.



All apologies

Bollywood actor Richa Chadha has issued an apology statement through a tweet after being slammed on social media for posting a tweet on the 2020 Galwan clash, in which several Indian Army soldiers died.

Taking to Twitter, Richa wrote, "Even though it can never be my intention in the least, if the 3 words which are being dragged into a controversy have offended or hurt anyone, I apologise and also say that it would sadden me if even unintentionally my words have triggered this feeling in my brothers in the Fauj of which my own Nanaji has been an illustrious part. As a Lt. Col, he took a bullet in the leg in the Indo-China war, in 1960s. My Mamaji was a paratrooper. It's in my blood."

—ANI

That's the question

Actress Fatima Sana Shaikh's latest posts gave way to speculation that she has marriage on her mind.

The actress took to her social media handle to share a series of pictures of herself modelling in risque ethnic wear. Fatima posed for photos in a backless top and high-waist pants as she used a vintage car as the perfect prop. "To do or Knot to do, That is the question..." she captioned the playful pics while showing off details of the tie-up top. The photo series won over fans who took to

the comments to compliment the star.

Among the many comments that came her way, was one from Aamir Khan's daughter, Ira Khan, who left a trail of heart eyes emoticons.

—ETimes



DiCaprio, the diva

Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio was almost turned down for his now-iconic role in 'Titanic' due to his diva behaviour. Having led several movies and scored an Oscar nomination for 'What's Eating Gilbert Grape' at the time, the actor acted snobbish during a meeting with James Cameron, reports aceshowbiz.com.

The filmmaker revealed in an interview with GQ that



DiCaprio refused to read during a screen test with Kate Winslet. "There was a meeting with Leo and then there was a screen test with Leo," Cameron detailed the casting process. DiCaprio left a different impression during the

screen test. "He came back a couple of days later, and I had the camera set up to record the video," Cameron said. "He didn't know he was going to test. He said, 'You mean, I'm reading?' I said, 'Yeah.' He said, 'Oh, I don't read.' I shook his hand and said, 'Thanks for coming by,' " the director recalled.

Cameron was ready to turn away DiCaprio right then and there, but the actor came back to him and said: "If I don't read, I don't get the part?" Cameron responded, "Oh Yeah." Cameron said DiCaprio begrudgingly agreed to read.

—IANS



Like a T20 match

Jaggesh's elder son Gururaj is facing the camera after a gap of one year. Gururaj's latest movie is Amaravathi Police Station. His previous movie Kaage Motte was released in October last year. Anjana Reddy, a farmer, makes debut as a producer in Sandalwood with Amaravathi Police Station. Puneeth from Arsikere is debuting with direction with this film. Appreciating Puneeth for the interesting script, Gururaj said that Puneeth has written it two years ago. "I have agreed to act in this movie because of its script. It has the potential to entertain the audiences. I am of the opinion that movies should not be made like a cricket test match. A movie should be like a T20 cricket match," Gururaj said.

Puneeth said the movie would highlight the current situations in the country. "I am trying to tell people about farmers, politicians and police through this movie. The shooting of this movie is expected to be held in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mangaluru, and Sakleshpur," said Puneeth.

Rekhashree, Sudharani, Tara, Ninasam Ashwath, Sadhu Kokila are the star cast of this movie.

